



TOMPKINS COUNTY  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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**EMC RESOLUTION NO. 3-2003 - RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL ACTION PLAN TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, Local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, reducing energy expenditures and saving money for county government, its businesses and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2001, Tompkins County adopted Resolution No. 69 of 2001 to participate in the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Campaign, a project of the International Council on Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), and

WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign is a voluntary program for municipal governments to identify sources of greenhouse gas emissions within their jurisdictions, identify opportunities and implement a proactive approach to combating global warming at the local level by working through five milestones:

1. Conduct a local emissions inventory and forecast of greenhouse gas emissions,
2. Adopt an emissions reduction target,
3. Draft a Local Action Plan to achieve the target,
4. Implement the action plan,
5. Evaluate and report on progress, and

WHEREAS, in September 2001, Tompkins County reached Milestone 1 of the CCP campaign by completing a county-wide inventory of greenhouse gas emissions for the base year of 1998, that includes separate information on county government contributions, known as *The Tompkins County Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report*, and

WHEREAS, in August 2002, Tompkins County reached Milestone 2 of the CCP campaign by adopting the following reduction target: *Tompkins County will, by 2008, reduce its emissions of greenhouse gases generated by county operations by 20 percent compared to the base year of 199, and.*

WHEREAS, in August 2002, Tompkins County pledged to develop a local action plan to achieve the emissions reduction target, and

WHEREAS, this initiative by Tompkins County Government can be used as an example for community-wide efforts to reduce greenhouse gases in the future, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tompkins County EMC recommends to the Tompkins County Legislature that it adopt the *Local Action Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions for County Government Operations*, and

RESOLVED, further, That the Legislature direct the County Administrator to appoint a committee including county staff to implement the county government strategies as outlined in the *Local Action Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions for County Government Operations*, and

RESOLVED, further, That the Legislature consider devoting any cost savings towards implementing further energy efficiency measures.

Date: June 11, 2003  
Passed Unanimously